



Evidence to Action 2026

Conference and Exhibition

THEME

“Reimagining the Evidence-Informed
Policy and Decision-Making
Ecosystem in Africa”

MAIN CONFERENCE PROGRAMME



Pre-Conference: 22-23 June 2026



Main Conference: 24-26 June 2026



Venue: ISSER Conference Hall,
University of Ghana, Legon
Accra, Ghana



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TO THE E2A 2026 CONFERENCE

About This Booklet

This booklet contains the full concept note and three-day conference programme for the E2A 2026 Conference. Please keep it for reference throughout the event.

Welcome to E2A 2026

We are delighted to welcome you to the Evidence to Action (E2A) 2026 Conference in Accra, Ghana — a landmark gathering of policymakers, researchers, practitioners, and innovators from across the African continent and beyond.

This conference represents more than a convening. It is a declaration that Africa's evidence ecosystem is maturing — that the continent is ready to move from being a recipient of externally defined paradigms to becoming a global producer and shaper of evidence-informed policymaking.

Over three days, we will reflect on what has worked and where it has worked, explore how and why evidence translates into impact, and chart a bold, Africa-led transformation of the evidence-to-action ecosystem.

We thank our partners, funders, delegates, and the University of Ghana for making this possible. We look forward to three transformative days together.

Dr. David S. Ameyaw

President & CEO, International Centre for Evaluation and Development (ICED)

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ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

This quick reference explains key acronyms and abbreviations used throughout the E2A 2026 Conference Booklet.

ACRONYM	MEANING
ACC	Africa Centre Consulting / ACC, Ghana
ACDI	Africa Centre for Development Impact
AEN	Africa Evidence Network
AfCFTA	African Continental Free Trade Area
AI	Artificial Intelligence
ARUA	African Research Universities Alliance
AYPRES	African Youth and Policy Research-related side event
CBHI	Community-Based Health Insurance
CSIF	CSIF project/fund referenced in the Private Sector EBDM Lab
CSIR	Council of Scientific and Industrial Research
CSO	Civil Society Organisation
E2A	Evidence to Action
EBDM	Evidence-Based Decision-Making
EGM	Evidence Gap Map
EIP	Evidence-Informed Policy
eBASE	eBASE Africa
FCPA	Fellow of the Certified Public Accountants
FCS	Fellow of the Certified Secretaries
FS4Africa	Food Safety for Africa Project
GSS	Ghana Statistical Service
ICED	International Centre for Evaluation and Development
IFPRI	International Food Policy Research Institute
IITA	International Institute of Tropical Agriculture
ISSER	Institute of Statistical, Social and Economic Research, University of Ghana
KPMG	KPMG professional services organisation
M&E	Monitoring and Evaluation
MOUs	Memoranda of Understanding
MSME	Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises
NDPC	National Development Planning Commission, Ghana
NIERA	Network of Impact Evaluation Researchers in Africa
PACKS Africa	Policy, Advocacy and Communication for Knowledge Systems Africa

ACRONYM	MEANING
PASGR	Partnership for African Social and Governance Research
PNAfrica	Parliamentary Network Africa
PRC	Parliamentary Research Centre, Parliament of Ghana
REC	The Research and Evaluation Centre
STEM	Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics
TVET	Technical and Vocational Education and Training
UHC	Universal Health Coverage

CONCEPT NOTE

Reimagining the Evidence-Informed Policy and Decision-Making Ecosystem in Africa

E2A 2026 Conference · 24–26 June 2026 · University of Ghana, Legon · Accra, Ghana

Background



Across Africa, the demand for evidence to inform policies and decisions is growing rapidly. Yet the journey from knowledge to action remains fragmented, often driven by external agendas that overlook African priorities, innovations, and lived experiences. Recent initiatives such as the Africa's Evidence Network (AEN) and Continental Voice have demonstrated the growing momentum toward building African-led evidence ecosystems.

"It is important to learn and understand what has worked, where it has worked, for whom it has worked, while also exploring what needs to change to reimagine a more inclusive and dynamic evidence-to-action ecosystem in Africa."

Conference Goal



To drive an Africa-led transformation of the evidence-to-action ecosystem by strengthening the continent's capacity to generate and apply contextually grounded knowledge, positioning Africa as a global leader in evidence-informed policymaking and equitable, sustainable development.

OBJECTIVES

Reimagine the Evidence-to-Action Ecosystem



Shape a system grounded in African contexts, priorities, and innovations, including the full journey from knowledge to action.

Document and Learn from Practice



Capture enablers, processes, and innovations including indigenous knowledge that sustained or achieved policy change.

Clarify Ownership and Audience



Address the needs of primary users such as policymakers, practitioners, civil society, and communities, while connecting these to broader African institutions that drive the agenda.

Strengthen Collaboration



Deepen partnerships among institutions, policymakers, funders, civil society, and communities.

Advance Systems-Level Transformation



Reinvest renewed confidence and commitment to Africa-led approaches that influence global evidence debates.

THEMATIC PRIORITIES

Legitimacy & Ownership of Evidence



Whose knowledge counts? How do we validate African-generated evidence and institutionalize African voices in the evidence ecosystem?



Systems for Strengthening Evidence Governance

Re-imagining the conditions to support evidence policy, practice, investments, and community-driven action.



Collaboration & Partnerships in Evidence-Informed Governance

Re-imagining the structures and incentives that shape evidence production and use.



Inclusivity & Equity

Elevating the voices of youth, women, indigenous groups, and marginalized communities in evidence generation.



Learning from Failures and Adaptive Practice

What has prevented evidence-to-action, and how can Africa learn from these failures to avoid replication?



Technological Disruption to Evidence-Informed Governance

How can AI, digital data systems, and analytics be harnessed to transform evidence generation, synthesis, and use, while effectively addressing the ethical, access, and capacity challenges it presents?

VALUE PROPOSITION FOR FUNDERS



Demonstrated Impact

Measurable shifts in practice and policy adoption; strengthened African institutions in global forums.



Elevating African Innovations

Elevation of African innovations in global knowledge debates; advancing equity and inclusion of marginalized voices.



Systemic Change

Contributing to systemic change by redefining what counts as legitimate evidence globally.



Positioning & Sustainability

A conference steering committee will provide strategic oversight ensuring continuity from preparation to post-conference. Outputs will be disseminated across African networks. A dedicated post-conference mechanism will monitor adoption of recommendations and track policy influence. Strategic partnerships with funders and regional institutions will be established to support long-term institutionalization.

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— E2A 2026 Concept Note

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CONFERENCE PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

Conference at a Glance

ISSER Conference Hall, University of Ghana, Legon

DAY 1 Wed 24 June	DAY 2 Thu 25 June	DAY 3 Fri 26 June
Africa Evidence Ecosystem <i>What has worked, where and for whom</i>  Caroline Fienness — Director, Giving Evidence  What works, for whom, and how  Interactive Labs (5 Groups)  Innovation Showcase	Transforming Systems for Evidence <i>How & why it works — causality, conditions</i>  Dr. Julius Muia, CBS FCS, FCPA — Kenya  Enabling Factors & Constraints for Sustainable Impact  Interactive Labs (5 Groups)  Innovation Showcase	What Must Change: Africa-Led E2A <i>Transformation, Institutionalization, Scaling</i>  H.E. Mohamed Béavogui — Former Prime Minister, Guinea  Scalability, Transferability & Institutionalization  Interactive Labs (5 Groups)  Innovation Showcase

Guest of Honour Rt. Hon. Alban Sumana Kingsford Bagbin <i>Speaker of the Parliament of Ghana</i>	Special Keynote Hon. Julius Debrah <i>Chief of Staff, Office of the President, Ghana</i>
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INTERACTIVE LAB GROUPS — ALL THREE DAYS

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4	Group 5
Group 1 — Govt & Parliamentary How evidence informs public policy, legislation, budgeting & oversight See Annex A — Group 1 details	Group 2 — Financing & Investment How evidence shapes funding decisions, results-based financing & impact investing See Annex A — Group 2 details	Group 3 — Impl. & Civil Society Evidence in programme adaptation, citizen engagement, advocacy & real-time learning See Annex A — Group 3 details	Group 4 — Evidence, Research & Policy Evidence synthesis, knowledge brokering & methodological innovations See Annex A — Group 4 details	Group 5 — Private Sector EBDM Evidence in business decisions, impact investing, agriculture, climate & MSME growth See Annex A — Group 5 details

PRE-CONFERENCE SIDE EVENTS

22–23 June 2026 · Various Venues, Accra, Ghana

HOST & EVENT	DATE	MORNING	AFTERNOON
ICED & Francophone Partners <i>Evidence Informed Policy (EIP)</i>	22 June	INVITE ONLY	INVITE ONLY
ICED <i>Why EGMs Matter — Evidence from ICED Climate Change Adaptation EGM Project</i>	22 June	OPEN	OPEN
PASGR — UTAFITI SERA AfW <i>From Community Evidence to Impact: Closing the Water Governance Accountability Gap</i>	22 June	INVITE ONLY	INVITE ONLY
PASGR — AYPRES <i>Preliminary findings: Political Economy Analyses — young women and men securing dignified work</i>	22–23 June	OPEN	OPEN
Africa Centre for Development Impact (ACDI)	22 June	INVITE ONLY	INVITE ONLY
PASGR — UTAFITI SERA <i>Policy culture · Social Safeguards in Urban Governance · Youth Employment in Agribusiness</i>	23 June	INVITE ONLY	INVITE ONLY
eBASE / ICED <i>AI-Powered Evidence Synthesis for Better Public Policy</i>	23 June	INVITE ONLY	INVITE ONLY
Oxfam <i>Launch: Fair Tax Monitor & Political Economy of Illicit Financial Flows Reports</i>	23 June	INVITE ONLY	INVITE ONLY
ICED <i>Ghana Evaluation Map Consultative Meeting</i>	23 June	INVITE ONLY	—
PACKS Africa <i>The Pain of Growth — Cross-Sectorial Experiences within Evidence Ecosystems</i>	22 June	OPEN	OPEN

OPEN = Public Event · INVITE ONLY = By Invitation

DAY 1

Wednesday, 24 June 2026

Africa Ecosystem: What has worked, where it has worked, for whom it has worked**Morning Moderator**
Dr. Ralph N. A. Armah

Research Fellow, ISSER, University of Ghana, Legon

Afternoon Moderator
Nain Mirabel Yuh

Program Manager, eBASE Africa, Cameroon

OPENING SESSION

08:30 – 09:30	 Registration & Tea / Coffee — Arrival of Official Guests
09:30 – 09:40	 Welcome of Delegates and Introduction <i>Prof. Robert Darko Osei — Director, ISSER, University of Ghana</i>
09:40 – 09:55	 Welcome Remarks <i>Prof. Felix Asante — Pro-Vice Chancellor, University of Ghana, Legon</i>
09:55 – 10:05	 Conference Objectives and Expectations <i>Dr. David S. Ameyaw — President, ICED</i>
10:05 – 10:50	 Special Goodwill Messages — Government Officials <i>Ghana · Gambia · Kenya · Uganda · Cameroon · Somalia · Tanzania</i>
10:50 – 11:10	 Special Keynote Address <i>Hon. Julius Debrah — Chief of Staff, Office of the President, Ghana</i>
11:10 – 11:40	 Guest of Honour & Official Opening <i>Rt. Hon. Alban Sumana Kingsford Bagbin — Speaker of the Parliament of Ghana</i>
11:40 – 11:50	 Signing of Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs)

SESSION 1 · 11:50 – 13:00 · KEYNOTE

11:50 – 13:00	 What Works: Evidence-Informed Models Demonstrating Impact in Africa <i>What the evidence shows and where impact has been achieved</i>
Keynote Speaker Caroline Fiennes — Director, Giving Evidence	
Discussant Prof. Peter Quartey — Executive Director, Retail Finance Distribution (ReFinD) Research Network, ISSER; Former Director, ISSER, University of Ghana	
13:00 – 14:00	 Lunch Break

SESSION 2 · 14:00–14:45 · ROUNDTABLE

14:00 – 14:45



System Dialogue · Africa Evidence Ecosystem

"What has worked · Where it has worked · For whom it has worked"

Moderator

Prof. Howard White — Senior Research Associate & Co-founder, (REC)

Mr. Ousseynou Ngom — William and Flora Hewlett Foundation

H.E. Prof. Peter Anyang' Nyong'o — Governor of Kisumu County, Kenya

Dr. Rasheed Draman — Executive Director, African Centre for Parliamentary Affairs (ACEPA)

Prof. Ama de-Graft Aikins — Board Member, PASGR

Mr. Timothy Lubanga — Assistant Commissioner for M&E, Uganda

Dr. Rose Omari — Chief Research Scientist, Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)

SESSION 3 · 14:55 · INTERACTIVE LABS INTRO

14:55



"The Lab Experience: Co-Creating Pathways from Evidence to Impact"

Dr. David Ameyaw — CEO, ICED

Lab Theme: "Evidence-Informed Models Have Demonstrated Impact in... Particularly Where..."

SESSION 4 · 14:55–16:10 · INTERACTIVE LABS (BREAKOUT)

Group 1 Govt & Parliamentary

Moderators, facilitators, rapporteurs and presenters: see Annex A — Group 1.

See Annex A — Group 1 details

Group 2 Financing & Investment

Moderators, facilitators, rapporteurs and presenters: see Annex A — Group 2.

See Annex A — Group 2 details

Group 3 Impl. & Civil Society

Moderators, facilitators, rapporteurs and presenters: see Annex A — Group 3.

See Annex A — Group 3 details

Group 4 Evidence, Research & Policy

Moderators, facilitators, rapporteurs and presenters: see Annex A — Group 4.

See Annex A — Group 4 details

Group 5 Private Sector EBDM

Moderators, facilitators, rapporteurs and presenters: see Annex A — Group 5.

See Annex A — Group 5 details

16:10 – 16:40



Tea / Coffee Break

SESSION 5 · 16:40 ONWARDS · SHOWCASE

16:40 – 17:20



Partner and Innovation Showcase

Labs Showcase of Selected Abstracts

17:20 – 17:30



Day 1 Closing Remarks

Rt. Hon. Fabakary Tombong Jatta — Speaker, National Assembly of The Gambia

DAY 2

Thursday, 25 June 2026

**Transforming Systems for Evidence for Policy and Practice:
How and Why It Works****Morning Moderator
Dr. Ebenezer Kwofie**

Assistant Professor, Food Systems Sustainability & Resilience, McGill University

**Afternoon Moderator
Kirchuffs Atengble**

Chair, West Africa-Africa Evidence Network (AEN)

SESSION 6 · 08:30–09:15 · OPENING**08:30 – 09:00** **Registration****09:00 – 09:15** **Welcome Session: "From Insights to Action: Reflecting, Connecting & Deepening Through Interactive Labs"**

Dr. Samwel Oando — Program Manager, Research and Policy, PASGR, Kenya

SESSION 7 · 09:15–09:45 · KEYNOTE**09:15 – 09:45** **From Evidence to Impact: Understanding the "How" and "Why"**

Understanding causality, conditions, systems and sustainability — mechanisms of change, contextual enablers and constraints

Keynote Speaker

Dr. Julius Muia, CBS FCS, FCPA — Kenya

Discussant

Dr. Andrew Agyei-Holmes — Research Fellow, ISSER, University of Ghana

SESSION 8 · 09:45–10:45 · ROUNDTABLE**09:45 – 10:45** **What Drives Evidence Sustainable Impact in Africa?**

What conditions enable success? · What systemic barriers persist? · How do partnerships influence outcomes?

Moderator

Prof. Fadel Ndiame — Executive Director, PASGR, Kenya

Mr. Tomoh Joseph — Technical Advisor, Ministry of Basic Education, Cameroon

Dr. Oliver K. Kirui — IFPRI, West Africa

Dr. Konlambigue Mathieyedou — Senior Manager, IITA

Ms. Sabine Desezka — Coordinator, Research Impact Investment, Wageningen University and Research

Dr. Liping Guo — Research Associate, Lanzhou University

Dr. Audrey Smock Amoah — Director General, NDPC Ghana

10:45 – 11:15 **Tea / Coffee Break**

SESSION 9 · 11:15–13:15 · DEEP-DIVE LABS

11:15 – 13:15



Interactive Labs: Deep-Dive Evidence Portals

Lab Theme: What Worked (and why) · What Did Not Work (and Why)

Group 1

✓ Policy wins, legislative uptake

Political economy blockers

See Annex A — Group 1 details

Group 2

✓ Embedded evidence funding

Accountability failures

See Annex A — Group 2 details

Group 3

✓ Advocacy successes

Data gaps, contextual barriers

See Annex A — Group 3 details

Group 4

✓ Research influencing decisions

Evidence failing to translate

See Annex A — Group 4 details

Group 5

✓ Evidence-driven investment

AI/digital failures

See Annex A — Group 5 details

13:15 – 14:15



Lunch Break

SESSION 10 · 14:15–15:15 · SYNTHESIS SHOWCASE

14:15 – 15:15



Deep-Dive Labs Synthesis: Showcase & Feedback

Key drivers of success · Critical constraints and risks · Proven systems and partnership models

15:15 – 15:45



Tea / Coffee Break

SESSION 11 · 15:45–16:30 · INNOVATION SHOWCASE

15:45 – 16:30



Partner and Innovation Showcase

Gallery Tours — ACRES / EBASE

16:30 – 16:45



Day 2 Closing Remarks

Gladwell Cheruiyot — Nairobi County Government, Kenya

DAY 3

Friday, 26 June 2026

What Must Change: Toward an Africa-Led E2A Ecosystem — Transformation, Inclusion, and Scaling**Morning Moderator**

Dr. Ekwaro Obuku — Co-Director, Africa Center for Systematic Review and Knowledge Translation, Makerere University, Uganda

SESSION 13 · 08:30–09:15 · OPENING**08:30 – 09:00** **Registration and Welcome****09:00 – 09:15** **Welcome Session: "From Insights to Action: Reflecting, Connecting & Deepening Through Interactive Labs"**

Sylvia Wangui Kamau — Executive Director, PACKS Africa, Kenya

SESSION 14 · 09:15–10:10 · KEYNOTE**09:15 – 10:10** **Reimagining Africa's Evidence-to-Action Ecosystem***Scalability and transferability of what works · Institutionalization of best practices · Future of evidence — technology and innovation***Keynote Speaker**

H.E. Mohamed Béavogui — Former Prime Minister, Republic of Guinea

Discussant

Prof. Phillip O. Nying'uro — Department of Political Science and Public Administration, University of Nairobi

SESSION 15 · 10:10–11:10 · ROUNDTABLE**10:10 – 11:10** **What Must Change for an Africa-Led Evidence Ecosystem?***What structural shifts are needed? · How do we make systems more inclusive? · What does "Africa-led" truly mean in practice?***Moderator**

Dr. Joseph Asunka — Executive Director, Afrobarometer, Ghana

Dr. Abraham Ibn. Zacharia — Principal Research Officer, Parliamentary Research Centre (PRC), Parliament of Ghana

Hon. Jaoko Oburu Odinga - Special Economic Advisor to the president of Kenya

Dr. Jared Ichwara — DG, State Department for Economic Planning, Ministry of National Treasury and Economic Planning, Kenya

Dennis Rangi — Former Director General, International Development, CABI

Benjamin Opoku Aryeh — Senior Programme Officer, Parliamentary Network Africa (PNAfrica)

Prof. Jane Ambuko — Director of Research and Training, African Research Universities Alliance (ARUA)

11:10 – 11:40 **Tea / Coffee Break**

SESSION 16 · 11:40–12:55 · TRANSFORMATION LABS

11:40 – 12:55

 Transformation Labs: Scaling, Transferability & Institutionalization

Group 1 · Govt & Parliamentary

Scaling: National evidence mandates · Transfer: Cross-country policy learning · Institut.: Embed beyond champions

See Annex A — Group 1 details

Group 2 · Financing & Investment

Scaling: Funding architectures · Transfer: Replicable financing models · Institut.: From grants to core infrastructure

See Annex A — Group 2 details

Group 3 · Impl. & Civil Society

Scaling: CSO-led models · Transfer: Citizen-engagement tools · Institut.: Capacity beyond donor cycles

See Annex A — Group 3 details

Group 4 · Evidence, Research & Policy

Scaling: Africa-owned research infra · Transfer: Evidence products across contexts · Institut.: University–govt partnerships

See Annex A — Group 4 details

Group 5 · Private Sector EBDM

Scaling: Continental data & AI platforms · Transfer: Digital MSME evidence models · Institut.: Private sector in shared infrastructure

See Annex A — Group 5 details

SESSION 17 · 12:55–13:40 · FINAL PLENARY

12:55 – 13:40

 Conference Synthesis & Call to Action

Reflections from: Ghana · Gambia · Kenya · Uganda · Cameroon · Somalia · Tanzania

Launches: E2A Africa Declaration · Evidence-to-Action Roadmap

Moderator

Dr. David Sarfo Ameyaw — CEO, International Centre for Evaluation and Development

13:40 – 13:50

 Session 18 — Conference Evaluation e-Form

Participants requested to complete the digital feedback form

CLOSING CEREMONY · 14:00–15:00

14:00 – 15:00

 **Conference Closing & Farewell Lunch — End of E2A 2026**

Presided by H.E. Prof. Peter Anyang' Nyong'o — Governor of Kisumu County, Kenya

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ANNEX A — INTERACTIVE LAB GROUPS

Moderators, facilitators, rapporteurs and presenters across the interactive lab groups.

Reference guide: Use the group number shown in the programme tables to find the matching detailed section in Annex A below.

Group	Lab Name	Presenters	Sub-Labs
1	Government & Parliamentary Lab	13	3 sub-labs: 1A, 1B, 1C
2	Financing & Investment Lab	4	No split
3	Implementation & Civil Society Lab	10	2 sub-labs: 3A, 3B
4	Evidence, Research & Policy Innovation Lab	14	3 sub-labs: 4A, 4B, 4C
5	Private Sector EBDM Lab	6	No split

GROUP 1 — GOVERNMENT & PARLIAMENTARY LAB

Focus: How evidence informs public policy, legislation, budgeting, oversight, and institutionalization in government systems · 13 Presenters · 3 Sub-Labs

Chair / Moderator Neema Kilembe <i>Assistant Director, Tanzania Prime Minister's Office</i>	Facilitator Lenah Kitenge <i>AEN, South Africa</i>	Rapporteur 1 Mr. John Martey Obloni <i>Statistician, M&E Unit, GSS</i>	Rapporteur 2 Martin Kapchanga <i>Programme Officer, PASGR</i>
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Sub-Lab 1A — Parliamentary Oversight & Legislative Governance

#	Presenter	Presentation Topic
1	Mulenga Ching'ambo	Evidence to Oversight: Using Parliamentary Champions and Participatory Dialogues to Institutionalize UHC Evidence in Zambia
2	Dr. Kuria Waitara	Factors Influencing Evidence-Based Policymaking in the National Assembly of Kenya
3	Emmanuel Remi Aiyede	Institutionalizing Evidence-Informed Policymaking in Africa: Insights from PASGR's Utafiti Sera Model
4	Julius Fenji	From Challenges to Opportunities: Institutionalizing Evidence-Informed Policy Making in Francophone Africa — The Case of Cameroon

Sub-Lab 1B — Policy Institutionalization & Multi-Actor Coalitions

Chair / Moderator Slyvia Kamau <i>Executive Director, PACKS Africa, Kenya</i>	Facilitator Josiah Mathaniah <i>Director of M&E, President's Office State House</i>	Rapporteur 1 Dr. Jane Geraldo-Acolatse <i>Principal Statistician, GSS</i>	Rapporteur 2 Rosebella Apollo <i>Programme Officer, PASGR</i>
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#	Presenter	Presentation Topic
1	Diene Mbaye	Lessons from Successful Multi-Actor Initiatives that Achieved Policy Change
2	Newton Yaw Norviewu	AfroBarometer Impact Stories: How Citizen-Generated Evidence is Taken Up at the Highest Levels of Governance
3	Yicheng Qian	Policy Evidence and Computational Findings on China-Africa Cooperation within the Framework of South-South Cooperation

#	Presenter	Presentation Topic
4	Sherifatu Mohammed	Psychosocial Support for Teachers and Learners in Fragile, Conflict and Violence-Affected Areas of the Upper East Region, Ghana
5	Mohamed Sellu	From Evidence to Policy Action: Lessons from Ghana–Sierra Leone Knowledge Exchange for Strengthening Africa's STI Ecosystem

Sub-Lab 1C — Sectoral Evidence to Policy: Agriculture, Health & Food Safety

Chair / Moderator Mohamud S. Nur <i>Director, National M&E Office</i>	Facilitator Anitha Ishengoma <i>Director of M&E, Ministry of Energy, Tanzania</i>	Rapporteur 1 Mr. Victor Owusu Boateng <i>Senior Statistician, GSS</i>	Rapporteur 2 Lucy Adoyo <i>Program Manager, CABE</i>
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#	Presenter	Presentation Topic
1	Kevin Gitau Ng'ang'a	How Evidence Travels into Climate Policy: Informing Policymaking to Improve Animal Health in Kenya
2	Maurice Mutisya	Closing the Implementation Gap: A PLUS Case Study on Improving Transition to Secondary School in Kenya
3	Rose Omari	Aflatoxin Control Strategies in Ghana: Evidence Generation, Policy Development, and Implementation
4	Olumodupe Banwo	Evidence Uptake, Translation and Use: Insights from Food Safety for Africa (FS4Africa) Project

GROUP 2 — FINANCING & INVESTMENT LAB

Focus: How evidence shapes funding decisions, results-based financing, accountability frameworks, and impact investing · 4 Presenters

Chair / Moderator Dr. Jean Pierre Senghor <i>Programme Manager, FSTS, DKR, Senegal</i>	Facilitator Jennifer Nyakinya <i>Director of Programs, NIERA</i>	Rapporteur 1 Dr. Mawuenyega Butu <i>Postdoctoral Research Fellow, ISSER</i>	Rapporteur 2 Ama Nimako <i>Afrobarometer, Ghana</i>
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#	Presenter	Presentation Topic
1	Oliver Kiptoo	Investing In Innovative Food Systems Solutions in Challenging Contexts: A Food Chain Mapping and Analysis
2	Daniel Amoako Antwi	Bridging the Finance Gap: Youth Perspectives on Access to Finance for Entrepreneurship in Ghana
3	Benedict Yiyugsah	From Evidence to Investment: How Locally Generated Research Informed the Design of the Ci-Gaba Fund of Funds

GROUP 3 — IMPLEMENTATION & CIVIL SOCIETY LAB

Focus: Evidence in programme adaptation, citizen engagement, advocacy, accountability, and real-time learning · 11
Presenters · 2 Sub-Labs

Chair / Moderator Djabonor Narh	Facilitator Sena Amewu <i>Senior Research Officer, IFPRI, Ghana</i>	Rapporteur 1 Ms. Linda Buabema Dadzie <i>Research Assistant, ISSER</i>	Rapporteur 2 Marvis Amedegbe <i>Afrobarometer, Ghana</i>
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Sub-Lab 3A — Education, Youth & Livelihoods

#	Presenter	Presentation Topic
1	Er-Menam Amaniampong	Reimagining Early Childhood Education: Implications for Context- and Community-Driven Indigenous Pedagogies in Multidimensionally Deprived Rural Communities
2	Rhoda Israel Simeon	Public-Private Partnerships for Institutionalizing Digital Learning in Marginalized Contexts: A Case Study of Osun State, Nigeria
3	Enock Imani	From Curriculum Reform to Community Impact: Enhancing Green Skills and Institutional Networks in Kenyan Agricultural TVET
4	Walter Odondi	Collaborative Evidence Generation for Life Skills and Values: Lessons from the ALIVE Initiative in East Africa
5	Patrick Odame & Lucy Adoyo	Translating Evidence to Action: Utafiti-Sera Research-Policy on Youth Employment Creation in Agriculture and Agro-processing in Kenya

Sub-Lab 3B — Community Governance & Bridging the Evidence-to-Action Gap

Chair / Moderator Dr. Andrew Agyei-Holmes <i>Research Fellow, ISSER</i>	Facilitator Dr. Richard Nkrumah <i>ISSER</i>	Rapporteur 1 Esther Aba Eshun <i>Postdoctoral Research Fellow, ISSER</i>	Rapporteur 2 Mary Anne Aluoch <i>Programme Officer, PASGR</i>
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#	Presenter	Presentation Topic
1	Charles Opole	Beyond Inclusion: Indigenous Knowledge Shaping Evidence Use in Community-Based Systems
2	Rose Njage & Joan Kones	Women Water Guardians: Bridging the Evidence-to-Action Gap in Kenyan Water Governance
3	Seth Asante	From Tractors to Transformation: Evidence from Ghana's Agricultural Mechanization Services Enterprise Centers
4	Kgaugelo Moshia-Molebatsi	Reimagining National Evaluation Systems in Africa: Peer Learning and the Evolution of Evaluation Practice
5	Martin Kapchanga & Samuel Esayas	From Community Evidence to Impact: Closing the Water Governance Accountability Gap in Africa

GROUP 4 — EVIDENCE, RESEARCH & POLICY INNOVATION LAB

Focus: Evidence synthesis, translation, knowledge brokering, policy engagement strategies, and methodological innovations · 12 Presenters · 3 Sub-Labs

Chair / Moderator Cynthia Addoquaye Tagoe <i>ISSER</i>	Facilitator Jim Kaketch <i>Senior Programme Officer, PASGR</i>	Rapporteur 1 Caleb Aicha Apeli <i>Research Consultant, NIERA</i>	Rapporteur 2 Sally Mururi <i>Program Officer, Pamoja Trust</i>
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Sub-Lab 4A — Evidence Systems, Policy Frameworks & Models

#	Presenter	Presentation Topic
1	Daniel Asiamah Ameyaw	Rethinking the Evidence-Informed Policy and Decision-Making Ecosystem in Africa: Evidence-to-Action Pathways for Research-Driven Policy Innovation
2	Alphonse Byiringiro	From Evidence to Impact Multiplication: Applying the Byiringiro Impact Multiplier Model (BIMMI) to Strengthen Evidence-to-Action Pathways in Africa
3	Charles Amoatey	The Integrated Evidence-to-Decision Model: An African-Led Approach to Strengthening Evidence Utilization in Policy
4	Alebel B. Weldesilassie	CBHI Impact Evaluation, Ethiopia

Sub-Lab 4B — Knowledge Translation, Digital Technology & AI

Chair / Moderator Dr. David Kibor <i>Director, MEL & Public Investment Management</i>	Facilitator Rigobert Hanny Pambe Miong <i>Program Manager, eBase Africa</i>	Rapporteur 1 Dr. Isaac Apike <i>Postdoctoral Research Fellow, ISSER</i>	Rapporteur 2 Muhammad Ouedraogo <i>Research Associate, PASGR</i>
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1	Angella Ndaka	Whose Evidence Shapes AI Futures? Youth Work, Policy Uptake, and Systems Change in Kenya
2	Anthony Ndungu	Reimagining Evidence Ecosystems through Digital Transformation: Kenya's E-Commerce Strategy as a Model for AI-Driven Policy Innovation in Africa
3	Merveille Ongolo	From Evidence to Policy Action: Demand-Driven Strategies for Strengthening Evidence Uptake in Francophone Central Africa
4	Okwen Chanice Fri	From Indigenous Knowledge to Action in Fragile Contexts
5	Eugene Swinnerstone	Accelerating Evidence-to-Action: Integrating Digital Methodologies and AI into Outcome Harvesting for Real-Time Programme Adaptation

Sub-Lab 4C — Sectoral Research & Policy Applications

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1	Prof. Catherine Aurah	Forging the Future of Kenyan Higher Education: A Multi-Phased Analysis of Institutional Readiness for the 2029 CBE Transition
2	Amalia Sobiesuo	Polysubstance Use and Policy Mismatch: An Evidence-Informed Approach to Drug Control in Ghana
3	Vida Awinime Bugri	The RIPA Model: An Integrated Process Framework for STEM Gender Equity in Africa

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4	Sally Miruri	Advancing Social Safeguards through Evidence-to-Action: Lessons from the Utafiti Sera Urban Governance House, Kenya
5	Apollo Maima	MR Vaccine Vial Impact Evaluation, Kenya

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1	Eyerusalem Girma	CSIF Midterm Findings Shape Phase II Amendments: Practical Evidence Pathways
2	Julius Lamptey	Building Ecosystems from Evidence: A Data-Driven Approach to Unlocking SME Capital in Ghana
3	Amma Lartey	From Evidence to Investment: How Locally Generated Research on Catalytic Capital Shapes Investment Decisions
4	Bezawit E. Liro & Rose Njage	Beyond Survival: Unlocking Dignified and Fulfilling Work for Ethiopia's Youth
5	Prof. Peter Quartey & Roselyn Adadzewa Otoo	Beyond the Report: How Applied Research Shapes Industry Strategy and Regulatory Reform in Ghana Digital Finance Sector
6	Bernard Owusu-Ansah	Our Impact Plan 2026 [KPMG]

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